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PATENT

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Serial No.: 09/469,200)	Examiner: G. Bugaisky
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For: HYALURONAN SYNTHASE)	
GENE AND USES THEREOF)	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Madame:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.115, Applicants herein seek to amend the above application as shown below, prior to the first examination and action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) **An isolated and** purified nucleic acid segment ~~comprising a coding region encoding enzymatically active hyaluronate synthase~~ **encoding the hyaluronate synthase of SEQ ID NO:2.**

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